

**Near Southside Area Plan
Working Committee #1
March 3, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Christine Palmer reviewed three documents for the meeting: Near South Side (NSS) Stakeholder Interview Summary Memo, Existing Conditions Memo, and the agenda for the working committee. The focus of the meeting was the agenda for the upcoming NSS workshops. The agenda is summed up as follows:

The main elements of the Near South Side update are urban design, land use and transportation. The final element emphasized was the implementation of the update including the outlining objectives with means of audits to ensure planning goals are achieved. Palmer suggested some examples to be included in the update:

- Inventory of sites
- Visual aids to illustrate density
- Urban commercial overlay
- Bicycle plan
- Multi-model transportation plan

Mark Dravillas educated meeting attendees to set expectations for the NSS workshops:

- The scope of the upcoming workshops is to ascertain and express the vision of NSS residents
- The scope of the update is land use, urban design and transportation.
- The planning division serves as stewards of the public interest and public purpose. Our boundaries are planning as a guide and we can neither resolve issues, nor implement programs beyond this scope
- Issues beyond this scope are welcomed and can be addressed, but are not the focus of these workshops

Christine Palmer encouraged attendees to promote participation by inviting other stakeholders to meetings. Facebook was offered as an alternative for those unable to attend the workshop. The web address is tinyurl.com/nearsouthside. Feedback from Facebook and the associated survey has been an asset in previous plans.